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USING THE IMAGE READING APPARATUS, AND  
CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE IMAGE  
READING APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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This paper is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination.

A final Office Action dated March 7, 2006 is pending. This paper is set forth as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on  
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